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DECLARES STRIKE CAN BE AVERTED.

Colombus, O., Oct. 15.—"The railroad strike can be averted even now, provided the railroads give the employees satisfactory assurance that they will reduce rates proportionately to the reduction in wages," L. A. Watson, general chairman of the railroad clerks' union for the Hocking Valley system, declared tonight.

"I am confident that the officials of the unions would agree to accept the July cut as well as the proposed cut of 12 per cent suggested by the rail executives, if they could be assured that railroad rates would be cut proportionately," Watson told the United Press.—Nashville Banner.

GOVERNOR HARDING DEFENDS HIGH SALARIES.

Governor W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board defends the high salaries paid officials of the Federal Reserve Banks running as high as \$50,000, which sum is paid the governor of the New York Bank. To get quality in men or merchandise, in this country, a good price must be paid—but \$50,000 does look high—and there are many as competent men who would give the service for less. However, what the moneyed men say do, must be done—then why kick, as certain Democratic Senators have been doing?

SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF PRIEST.

Redwood City, Calif., Oct. 25.—William A. Howtowers, convicted of the murder of Father Patrick E. Heelan, Colma priest, was sentenced to life imprisonment today by Superior Court Judge Buck after a motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment had been denied.

Attorney for the defense served notice an appeal would be taken.

HELD ILLEGAL IN TEXAS.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 15.—Attorneys of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas are in violation of the state Constitution and penal codes, the state attorney-general ruled tonight, in compliance with a request from Gov. Neff for a declaration as to the legality of the organization's constitution.—Nashville Banner.

FORD OFFERS RAY OF HOPE.

The one ray of hope for relief from the unemployment situation in Northern Alabama, is believed to lie principally in the taking over by Henry Ford of the Muscle Shoals plant. If Ford gets hold of the Muscle Shoals property it will open the way for putting something like 20,000 men to work—but the day of carpenters and other laborers getting \$5.00 for fifty cents worth of work and the day of thieving contractors has gone never to return, it is hoped. Neither the legislature of Alabama nor the municipal authorities of Alabama can do much toward relieving the situation. Henry Ford works men and pays them well.

SECOND WEEK OF CIRCUIT COURT.

The second week of Circuit court began its grind Monday morning, with the prospect of consuming every minute of the week—and then needing more time to clear the docket.

In the last weekend the case of the State vs. Andy Gant and his sons, Henry and Tom, on the charge of burglarizing the stores of Gilliam and Keenine at Huron, some time last Spring. The father and Henry were convicted of receiving and concealing stolen property but Tom was acquitted. Motion for a new trial was argued Tuesday of this week.

Monday the case of the State vs. Amos Bailey, his son, Roy Bailey, and Bob Fuller, who was at that time living with the Baileys, on the charge of killing Henderson McPeake, came up for trial and consumed Monday, Tuesday and a part of Wednesday, with the result that

After the Bailey case comes the case of Arthur Hanna on the charge of killing his wife here in Lexington, the particulars of which are well-known. Mr. Hanna has many friends who believe the sad death of his wife to be due to accident, as claimed by him, while others are skeptical—and this trial is absolutely necessary to settle the question as far as it can be settled.

The case of State vs. Murray Robinson, for the killing of Neal Scates, reversed by the Supreme Court is again set for hearing during this term.

PAY AS YOU WOULD BE PAID.

This is the time for which we have been waiting a twelvemonth—time that our subscribers can come up and pay their subscriptions or remit the same by mail.

During the war period and the flush times following, the country newspaper did not advance its subscription and advertising rates and had no chance to accumulate money. For there was a period during which the dollar received for a subscription did not pay the cost of getting out the paper—hence, the present condition finds us in need, great need to collect what is owing and due us.

We trust our subscribers who are in arrears will take this as sufficient notice to pay up. They believe that a newspaper is an essential business in the country and community and they should be willing to do their part toward sustaining the business. There are merchants who are absolutely proof against all appeals to advertise, so we must look for sustenance to the line of less margin—the subscription department. Pay up, as you would be paid by those who owe you.

John D. Franklin and wife left Monday night for Oklahoma, Mr. Franklin going to Mangum and William D. Franklin, and his wife stopping at Dale, to visit relatives. Mr. Franklin will return as soon as possible but his wife will protract her visit something like two weeks—much longer if the strike materializes.

COLLOSSAL RAIL ROAD STRIKE IMINENT.

The public prints of last Saturday and Sunday brought the news that a strike on 17 railroads had been declared and to be effective Oct. 30—the first walkout to be on Saturday of this week on the I. G. & N., a Texas railroad.

The strike order was sent out last Saturday night and it was said the strike call indicated that under pressure the Union leaders would seek to cut off mail and passenger train service as well as freight trains, the workers being told "you have identically the same right to refuse to perform service on a mail train as you have to refuse to perform service on a freight train."

All the unions of the A. F. L., are to take joint strike action with the "Big Four" brotherhoods and the switchmen, meaning a general strike in which 2,500,000 organized workers will take part.

At the same time word went out that the "Nation's chief had his hand on the lever" and that "Government Machinery" was set in motion to prevent the strike. The threatened tie-up. Of course it is claimed that the general public will be greatest sufferers—but it must be remembered that the two and a half million railroad workers and their families are a part of the "general public"—for instance, much of the population of Lexington is made up of the families of railroad workers and if evil times and suffering comes because of the strike and unemployment, they must stand their share of it. The families of the workers must suffer more than those of the employers, for the latter have money in which they can be tide over—and no tieup will ever come that those who have money can not secure what they need or even what they want.

It is a problem that we are not able to solve but we do know that if the farmers of the country had the power possessed by the workers (or that the workers believe they possess) there would be another strike compared with which the 2½ million of railroad workers would look like a "corporal's guard." Let the farmer sell a beef hide for less than a dollar—and then let him ask the price of a pair of decent shoes, a pair of cotton breeches, any sort of professional service. You can bet your bottom dollar that he would maintain a victim of prevailing prices of products and manufactured commodities if the people who are footing the bills had any manner of redress.

Railroad men see their wages being cut, freight rates going up, passenger rates maintained at war prices and nearly all items of living held at prices entirely out of proportion. No wonder the worm turns when it sees a chance to strike.

SPECIAL TERM CIRCUIT COURT.

Cases set for hearing, as special term of Circuit court, November 8th. State vs. Arthur Hanna, Nov. 8. State vs. Charlie Morris; State vs. Walter Petty, Nov. 9th. State vs. Oscar Roberts, Nov. 10.

HIGH FREIGHT RATES BLOCKING FARMERS.

Arthur Capper, United States Senator from Kansas, has the following to say about high freight rates:

High freight rates today not only are blocking every effort of farmers, manufacturers and business men to get back to normal, but are eating away the very roots of business and national prosperity.

There's no more opportune time to cut these excessive rates than right now. The railway's proposed wage reduction will net them a saving of \$400,000,000 a year. That should be tacked off the freight rates.

A cut right now, coupled with the business stimulus of a rich harvest, would put every class of business back on its feet. But if the present rates are maintained, business cannot recover from stagnation until spring—if at all.

Here's what freight rates are doing to you, to me, to everybody:

Farmers. Hay, hide and sheep production is stifled. Cattleman say their only salvation lies in keeping cattle out of freight cars. When 2000 steers reach market, the railway owns 1000.

Corn cannot be shipped with profit from many localities. Sheep must be shipped at a loss, if at all.

Thousands of bushels of potatoes and apples will rot in the fields this year, because it costs too much to get them to a place where they can be sold.

Manufacturers. Freight rates have throttled the soft coal, building material and steel industries.

Bituminous coal output is 150,000,000 tons below normal. Steel production is at its lowest ebb since May, 1911. Construction is being held up everywhere.

The packing industry is being driven into the ground. Canadian packers with the benefit of low freight rates are taking away our export meat trade.

The farm machine industry is sleeping. Freight rates on the average add \$48.12 to the cost of a binder, \$72.04 to a header, \$126.06 to a power hay press and \$243.10 to a threshing machine.

Railways. Excessive freight rates are acting as a boomerang on the railways themselves.

The Interstate Commerce Commission says the carriers hauled 251,000,000 tons less freight in the first six months of this year than in the same period last year. The Middle West shipped 25,000 fewer cars of hay to Kansas City, the world's greatest hay market, this season than last.

High freight rates are one of the greatest factors in the unemployment wave. Freight rates have forced cutting down production.

This is particularly true in soft coal, steel, building and manufacturing industries. But it can be found all the way down the line.

Retail Merchants. Retail merchants are up against it, especially when they're dependent on farmer trade.

The farmer isn't making money. So he's not buying clothing, shoes or new implements.

Retail business in metropolitan centers is suffering, too, because it's affected by the general business stagnation and unemployment.

MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK COMING TO JACKSON.

People in Lexington will have a very rare opportunity in the near future when Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, assisted by Mr. Arthur Loesser, pianist, will appear in recital at the Marlboro Theatre, Jackson, Tenn., Monday, October 24th, under management of Miss Louise Mercer.

Mme. Schumann-Heink is recognized by critics as the greatest living singer and has been heard in concert and opera in every civilized country.

No artist contributed more to the pleasure of the American soldier than this great woman who gave freely of her glorious voice in the entertainment of the soldiers in every camp in the United States. She is affectionately known as "Mother" to the American Legion. When asked before her recent tour of the Orient if she would return in time to be the guest of honor at the great convention of the American Legion to be held in Kansas City in the near future she replied: "Yes, tell my boys I will sing for them regardless of all other engagements." The great diva will go from Jackson to Kansas City, this being her only engagement in this part of the country.

Arthur Loesser, her accompanist and assisting artist, is recognized as one of the greatest pianists of today. This is the first time that artist of her rank have appeared in this part of the State, outside of Memphis, and much enthusiasm is being displayed.

Seats have been sold all over West Tennessee, points in Kentucky and Mississippi, and plans are being made for a large party from this community.

For information and tickets address Miss Louise Mercer, care of the McCowan-Mercer Printing Co., Jackson, Tenn. Tickets will be sent you by registered mail by request.

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HIGH SCHOOL.

Our classes continue to grow in number.

Mr. Amis spent the week-end with her parents in Memphis.

Mrs. Napher, of Nashville, who is under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., was present Friday morning and delivered her lecture, "Character Building."

The Parent-Teachers' Association met in the High School Building Thursday afternoon. The program rendered was highly entertaining and enjoyed by the large attendance. All went away complimenting the exercises and expressing the hope that they might be present next meeting. The twenty-eight boys and girls who took part in the Mock Trial acquitted themselves admirably. Judge Irby Park and Chief Clerk Irby Lindsey presided and conducted the court with all the dignity of Federal Officers. The attorneys, Elmer Scates and Joe Webb, were highly complimented for speeches they made in the prosecution and the defense.

A large crowd was present at the opening of the basketball season, Friday night. The team defeated the Decaturville boys after a hard-fought game, by the score of 20 to 18.

On Saturday the team went to Huntingdon and won another game—the score was 32 to 13.

The next game at home will be on Friday night, October 28th. Camden will be here on that date. A good game is expected.

The School Board passed a resolution requiring the seventh and eighth grade children in town to attend the City School.

Most excellent work is being done in every department of the High School. There are now four well-attended Literary Societies. There is more interest in the Literary Societies and in the lessons than we sometimes have. Only a few are falling down. Parents are asked to find out if their children belong to the latter and help to encourage them to put forth greater effort that we may have a model school.

SENATOR MCKELLAR RUN OVER.

In Washington, last Monday, when Senator Kenneth D. McKellar was crossing Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, he was knocked down by an automobile, receiving cuts on his face and bruises on his body, none of which were serious. Senator McKellar was taken to a nearby bank and it was decided that it would not be necessary to take him to a hospital.

Among those paying their subscription to this paper this week were A. B. Whittle, Route 2, Huron, and W. T. Bush, Route 1, Juno.

WILDERSVILLE, TENN.

This little city, as is generally known, was destroyed by fire on last May 13th and scarcely six months have passed—but we find the town pretty well rebuilt. In spite of the depressed conditions that have existed since that time. The new buildings are very commodious with every modern equipment, making them enticing to the traveling critic's eye, and especial mention should be made of the Wildersville Hardware Co.'s building which will cover more than 9,000 square feet of floor space with six main entrances, as it will contain on the first floor the postoffice, the "Beauty Ice Cream Parlor," a ladies' rest room and one of the most up-to-date barber shops to be found anywhere, together with toilet and bath rooms and a 3000 pound capacity refrigerator. From this floor the Companies' customers may ascend to the next floor either by stairway or elevator where they will find choice lines of hardware, china and glassware, cutlery, etc., and possibly other lines will be decided upon. Everything will be arranged in the most picturesque manner.

Besides the rebuilding that has taken place here since the town was incorporated last March, the streets have been widened and graveled. Walks have been made along some streets, the school has increased its enrollment from 100 to 187, its term from five to nine months and many more minor improvements have been made and still many more improvements could be made—but we have enough confidence to believe that whatever improvement problem may yet arise, her citizens will be able to solve it.

CYTHEREANS.

The Cytherean Society met Tuesday and carried out the following program:

"Conundrums"—Ruby Roberts.
"Impromptu Speaking"—Gertrude Roberts, Nettie Wolfe, Noraine Walker.

Reading of Constitution—Bert Youngerman.

Story—Jewel Reed.
Paper—Editor.

Report of critic.

As it was election day the following officers were elected:

President—Bert Youngerman.

Vice-President—Gertrude Roberts.

Secretary—Jewel Reed.

Assistant Secretary—Ruby Roberts.

Editor—Vashti Orr.

Assistant Editor—Margaret Sisson.

Critic—Louise Essary.

Reporter—Cora Mae Wilson.

Sergeant—Lucille Hart.

The Society adjourned to meet the following Tuesday, there being no further business.

REPORTER.



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